

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORTCOUNTRY Czechoslovakia
SUBJECT Czechoslovak Industries

DATE DISTR. 26 Jun 52

NO. OF PAGES 2

PLACE
ACQUIREDDATE
ACQUIRED BY

DATE OF INFORMATION

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTION 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE

1.

- (a) Roscher Textile Machinery Plant. I have never heard of this plant but presume that this was the name of the plant before nationalization. The best known textile machinery is made at the Factory for Making Textile Machinery - Hrdina, located in Tyniste nad Orlici /5010N-1605E/, about 20 km east of Hradec Kralove /5013N-1550E/. Hrdina is the name of the original owner of the plant who is well known for his inventions in the field of textile machinery. I believe that he is still working as manager of this factory.
- (b) Czechoslovak Carder Band Factory. I have never heard of this installation but it doesn't sound like the correct designation.
- (c) Ippen works, Hradec Kralove. I believe that this is the former Bridge and Machine Works, A Ippen. Until 1950, the plant had nothing to do with the Skoda Works. The Ippen Works were formerly owned by a Jewish family which was murdered by the Germans. All the equipment was confiscated. The Ippen Works specialized in steel bridge construction and the manufacture of safes. After the war the works were nationalized and operated independently. It is probable however, that the works have been attached to another similar concern.
- (d) Chudomel and Stejskal. This was a very small concern in Hradec Kralove; I do not recall what type of concern it was but think it may have been building contracting.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|-----|---|---|-----|---|--------------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| STATE | X | NAY | 4 | X | REC | X | DISTRIBUTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARMY | X | AIR | | | FBI | X | ORR | EV | | | | | | | | | | |

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

-2-

25X1A

- (e) Copper Smelter Ibal-Rudolf Major, Ltd, Hradec Kralove. This is an unimportant artisan shop which I believe was liquidated after the owner, Jiri Gloss, escaped to Australia.
- (f) Krystal Radio Factory or Novotny Radio Factory. These two names refer to the same factory. This small plant was founded during the German occupation and worked almost exclusively for the German telecommunications industry and war production. The plant was located in Novy Hradec Kralove, a suburb northeast of Hradec Kralove. There was a scandal after World War II when the owner, Novotny, was accused of Nazi collaboration; he was however, never sentenced. I don't know if the plant is still operating.
- (g) LVU Radio Factory, I never heard of this plant. This plant might be the same as the Krystal Radio Factory since the latter had many names during the war. Also, the letters LVU could indicate a plant connected with the Aviation - Military Institute (Letecky - Vohensky Ustav). Hradec Kralove has an Aviation Institute for officers.
- (h) J and K Nemec, Hradec Kralove. This is an unimportant construction firm which was included (sic) in the Community Building and Maintenance Corporation of Hradec Kralove.
- (i) Electrode Factory, Vamberk [5007A-1618Z]. This is probably the same as the Antonin Zapotocky Works, a national corporation located in Vamberk. The main plant was built during World War II and the corporation comes under the direction of the metallurgical industry. Besides the plants of the food industry, the Electrode Factory is the largest in Vamberk. The factory was formerly owned by Banska, a smelting company in Prague. Vamberk is about 40 km east of Hradec Kralove. During my visits to Hradec Kralove I heard that the plant was being expanded.
- (j) Aircraft Plant in Pardubice [5002N-1547E]. I never heard of this plant and am quite sure that it did not exist before 1948, at which time I knew Pardubice quite well.
- (k) Jiskra Bearing and Radio, Pardubice. I don't recognize this name but it could be the same as the Telegrafia Plant within the Tesla combine. [redacted]
- (l) Pipe Rolling Mill. I have no information on this plant.
- (m) Railroad Car Repair Shop, Pardubice. I only know that Pardubice is a very important hub. Before World War II and in the first years after the war Pardubice had the only railway regiment in Czechoslovakia.
- (n) Pilnacek Soap Factory. This plant is not in Pardubice but in Hradec Kralove. [redacted]

-end-

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION